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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 23-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 23-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 August 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/10/05, 6/8/06
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 23-24 and 26-37 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Osadchy et al. (US Patent No. 6,266,551). Osadchy discloses a probe for insertion into the body of a subject and including an electronic microcircuit, which stores information relating to calibration of the probe. The calibration information includes all or any combination of the following: data relating to deviation of the coils from orthogonality, data relating to the respective gains of the coils and/or data relating to the relative displacement of the distal tip from the coils (column 2, line 64 through column 3, line 4). This calibration information includes data relating to signal non-linearities (column 3, lines 19-22), data calculated by differences between signals generated by a first and second master coil (column 14, lines 40-54) and the calibration data may also relate to a proportionality to a directional component of the magnetic fields (column 9, lines 4-13). Regarding memory, see column 5, lines 21-32 and column 7, lines 21-39. Alternatively or additionally, at least some of the calibration data are determined by applying spatially variable magnetic fields to the probe (column 9, lines 6-8). For further description of the Osadchy reference, see column 2, lines 18-63 and column 4, lines 7-27.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Osadchy in view of Strommer et al. (US Patent No. 6,233,476). Osadchy discloses a probe for insertion into the body of a subject and including an electronic microcircuit, which stores information relating to calibration of the probe, as described in the rejection of claims 23-24 and 26-37. Osadchy does not explicitly state that the position and orientation sensor can be utilized in a capsule, however, it is disclosed that the catheter is a wireless catheter which is not physically connected to the signal processing and/or computing apparatus. Rather, a transmitter/receiver is attached to a proximal end of the catheter. One benefit of this type of configuration is that the catheter, which is inserted into the heart, can easily be made electrically floating. Strommer teaches a method and system for initiating and calibrating the location and orientation of an objects and a detector system within a scanning volume. It is noted that the housing for the positioning object can be shaped like a capsule (column 3, lines 44-52). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to broaden the scope of Osadchy by placing the positioning device into a capsule as taught by Strommer because even within the catheter the system is electrically floating

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and isolated, thereby making the capsule configuration an obvious variant of that of the catheter.

Conclusion

Other related prior art:

Schneider	6,073,043
Hossack et al.	6,338,716
Ben-Haim et al.	6,690,963
Frisch et al.	6,904,308
Mizuno	6,939,292

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Kish whose telephone number is 571-272-5554. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00 ~ Mon. - Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 571-272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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